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1. [redacted] an airfield located on the western edge of Kiev from a tower which was five to six kilometers from the airfield. Air activity by biplanes, twin piston-engine aircraft, and single-engine jets was observed on the field. The biplanes always took off individually and made short local flights. Occasionally, up to ten biplanes were in the air at the same time. No formation flights of these aircraft were observed. Twin-piston-engine aircraft were observed at the airfield only on 1 May 1952. These aircraft took off and assembled in formation over the field and the city. A total of 27 aircraft was observed practicing formation flying over the city, after which they dropped out of formation and individually returned to the field to land. No variations of formations were observed.
2. Single-engine jet aircraft usually took off individually but occasionally flights of three took off at short intervals, flying individually after they were airborne. Sometimes they assembled in wedge formation, flew over the field and the city for 10 to 15 minutes, and then landed individually. On some days a total of nine aircraft took off in three flights of three aircraft each at short intervals. They flew in flight formations first and then went into a wedge formation, flying from 10 to 15 minutes. Prior to landing, the aircraft again assembled into three flights, and landed in flight formations. While the first flight was landing, the two remaining flights circled the field. Individual aircraft attempting to approach the landing pattern, were waved off until the three flights had landed.
3. Regular stunt flights or pursuit flights (sic) were not observed, nor were accidents, parachute jumps, or bad weather flights. [redacted] jet aircraft training was conducted at the field.

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